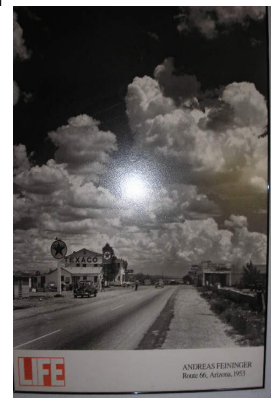




Route 66

- Cars, the newest Pixar movie causes some interest in Route 66. What people might not realize is that most of the movie, including characters, cars, places and the plot itself were based on real people and places along Route 66.
- Current maps do not include old Route 66.
- Route 66 is 2448 miles long. (about 4000 km)
- Route 66 was commissioned in 1926, picking up as many as possible bits and pieces of existing road.
- Route 66 crosses 8 states and 3 time zones.
- Route 66 starts in Chicago, and ends in L.A. (Santa Monica).
- Some people think driving it in the opposite direction is historically wrong, but it's mainly a lot harder as all available documentation goes the "right" way.
- In 1926 only 800 miles of Route 66 were paved. Only in 1937 Route 66 got paved end-to-end.
- You can only drive parts of Route 66 these days... it has been replaced by the interstate highways I-55, I-44, I-40, I-15 and I-10, but still a surprisingly high amount of old road is waiting to be found by the more adventurous traveler.
- Route 66 is also known as "The Mother Road", "The Main Street of America" and "The Will Rogers Highway".



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